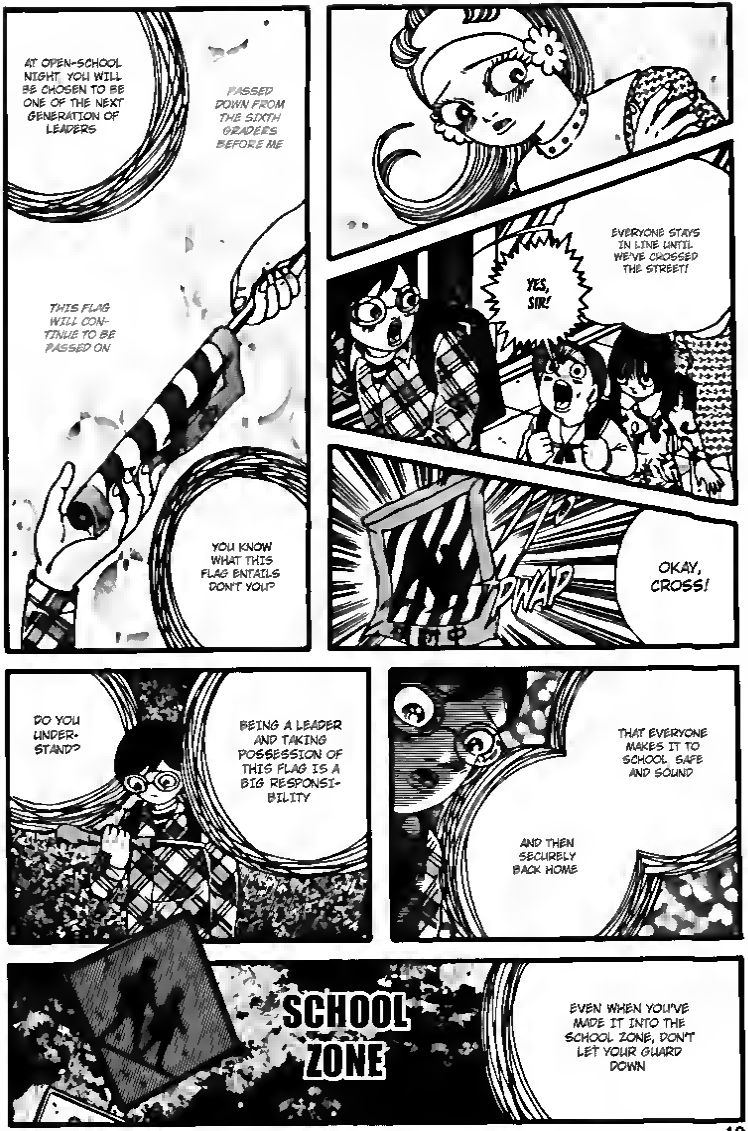
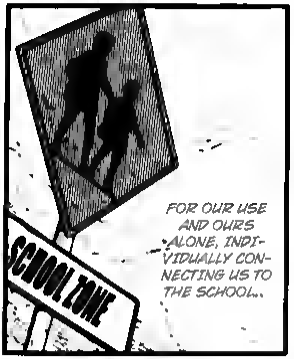
BY THE WAY. I DIDN'T ADD THOSE WHITE BOXES. THEY WERE ALREADY THERE.
EVERYBODY READY? THEN LET'S GO
SUMMER COMES TO AN END AND IT'S SEPTEM BER ALREADY
HAHAH!
YEAH, RIGHT!
GASP!
VROOMMM

WATCH WHERE YOU'RE GOING!
LOOK OUT! WE'RE NOT EVEN IN THE SCHOOL ZONE YET!
ZGEWWWW
OOPS SORRY
PANT
PANT
PANT


AT OPEN-SCHOOL NIGHT, YOU WILL BE CHOSEN TO BE ONE OF THE NEXT GENERATION OF LEADERS
PASSED DOWN FROM THE SIXTH GRADERS BEFORE ME
THIS FLAG WILL CONTINUE TO BE PASSED ON
YOU KNOW WHAT THIS FLAG ENTAILS DON'T YOU?
EVERYONE STAYS IN LINE UNTIL WE'VE CROSSED THE STREET!
YES, SIR!
OKAY, CROSS!
DO YOU UNDERSTAND?
BEING A LEADER AND TAKING POSSESSION OF THIS FLAG IS A BIG RESPONSIBILITY
THAT EVERYONE MAKES IT TO SCHOOL SAFE AND SOUND
AND THEN SECURELY BACK HOME
SCHOOL ZONE
EVEN WHEN YOU'VE MADE IT INTO THE SCHOOL ZONE, DON'T LET YOUR GUARD DOWN

THE ADULTS CREATED THE SCHOOL ZONE
SCHOOL ZONE

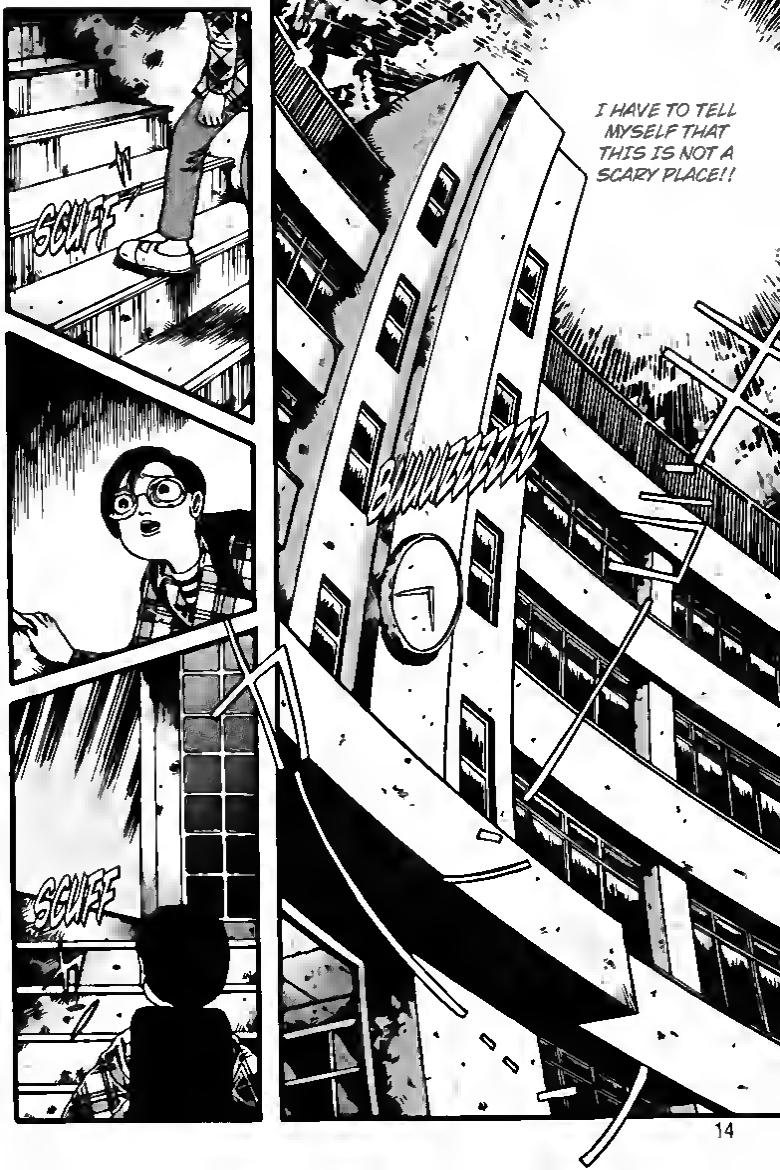
FOR THE SAKE OF GETTING US SAFELY TO AND FROM SCHOOL


FOR OUR USE AND OURS ALONE, INDIVIDUALLY CONNECTING US TO THE SCHOOL...
SCHOOL ZONE

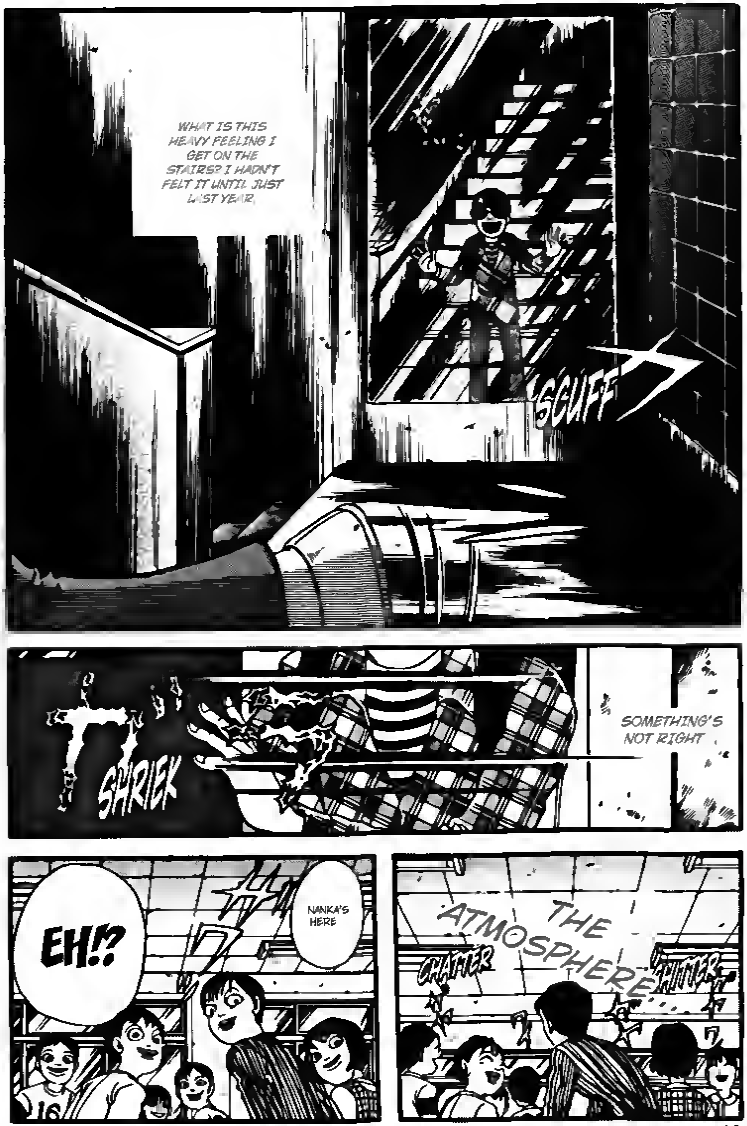
BUT... AT THIS MOMENT

IS WHAT I REALLY FEAR

WHAT LIES AHEAD...
GOOD MORN ING
GOOD MORN-ING

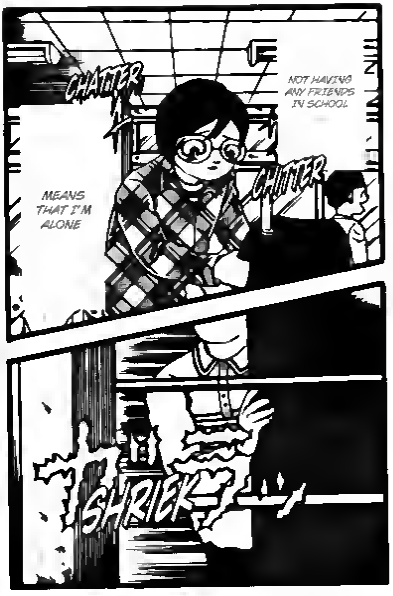

SGUFF
SGUFF
I HAVE TO TELL MYSELF THAT THIS IS NOT A SCARY PLACE!!

IT'S SO CREEPY WALKING IN FRONT OF THE MIRROR BY MYSELF
A BIG MIRROR
ON THE LANDING OF EACH FLOOR IS
OH, NO! IF I DON'T GET UP THESE STAIRS, I'LL BE LATE!
SCUFF!
PEEK

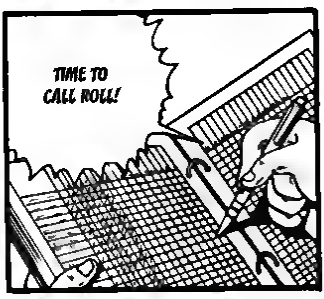

WHAT IS THIS HEAVY FEELING I GET ON THE STAIRS? I HADN'T FELT IT UNTIL JUST LAST YEAR.
SCUFF
SHRIEK
SOMETHING'S NOT RIGHT
EH!?
NANKA'S HERE
THE ATMOSPHERE
CRAWLER
SHIVERS

BUT THAT WASN'T IT
SOMETHING DEFINITELY WASN'T RIGHT
HE-HE
G-
GOOD MORNING
AT FIRST I THOUGHT IT WAS JUST HARD ADJUSTING TO A NEW CLASS...
AH!
GOOD MORNING GOTO-KUN
HE-HE
EVEN MY GOOD FRIENDS FROM LAST YEAR...

OKAY! EVERYONE HURRY AND TAKE THEIR SEATS!
RUSH


CHATTER
NOT HAVING ANY FRIENDS IN SCHOOL
MEANS THAT I'M ALONE
CHATTER
SHRIEK

HERE!
OBANA!
HERE!
EGAWA!
HERE!
INOUE!
GOTO!


TIME TO CALL ROLL!

NAMKA YOSUKE!

HERE
HERE!
NAMKA!

HERE!
HERE
HEY! WHO'S FOOLING AROUND!?
NOT ME
WHO IS IT?
NOT AGAIN!
MURMUR
MURMUR
THAT'S ENOUGH! IF THIS KEEPS UP, I'M MARKING YOU ALL ABSENT!
NOOO

SCHOOL ZONE

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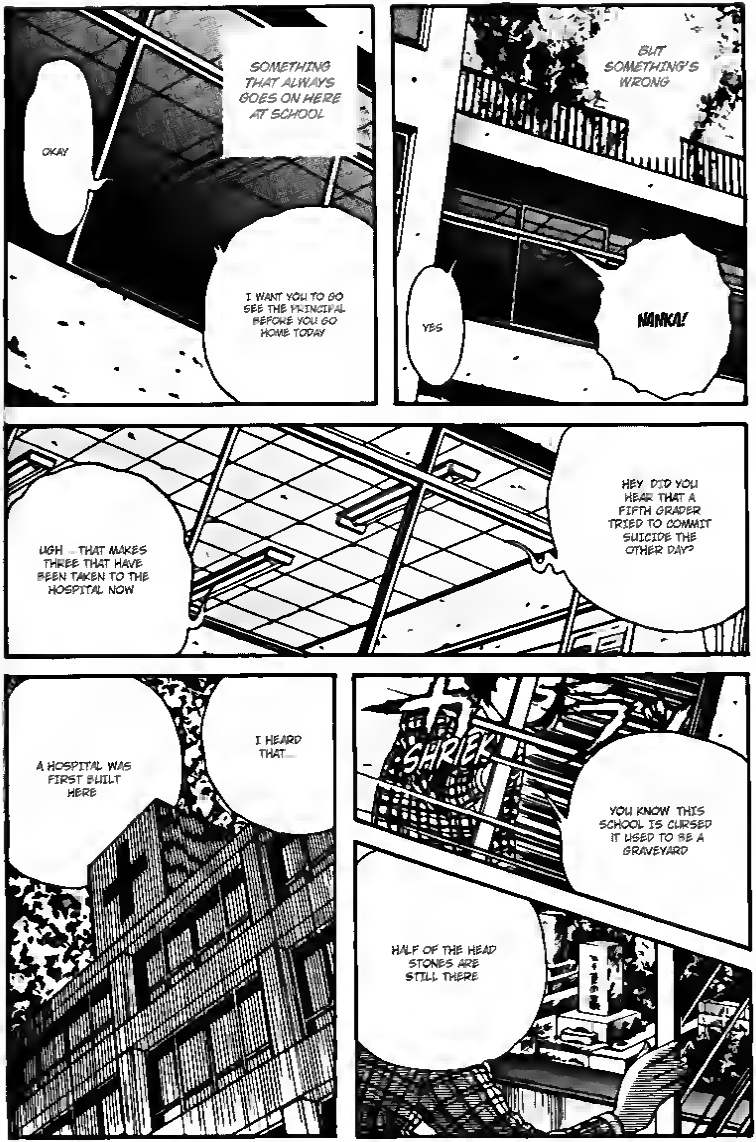
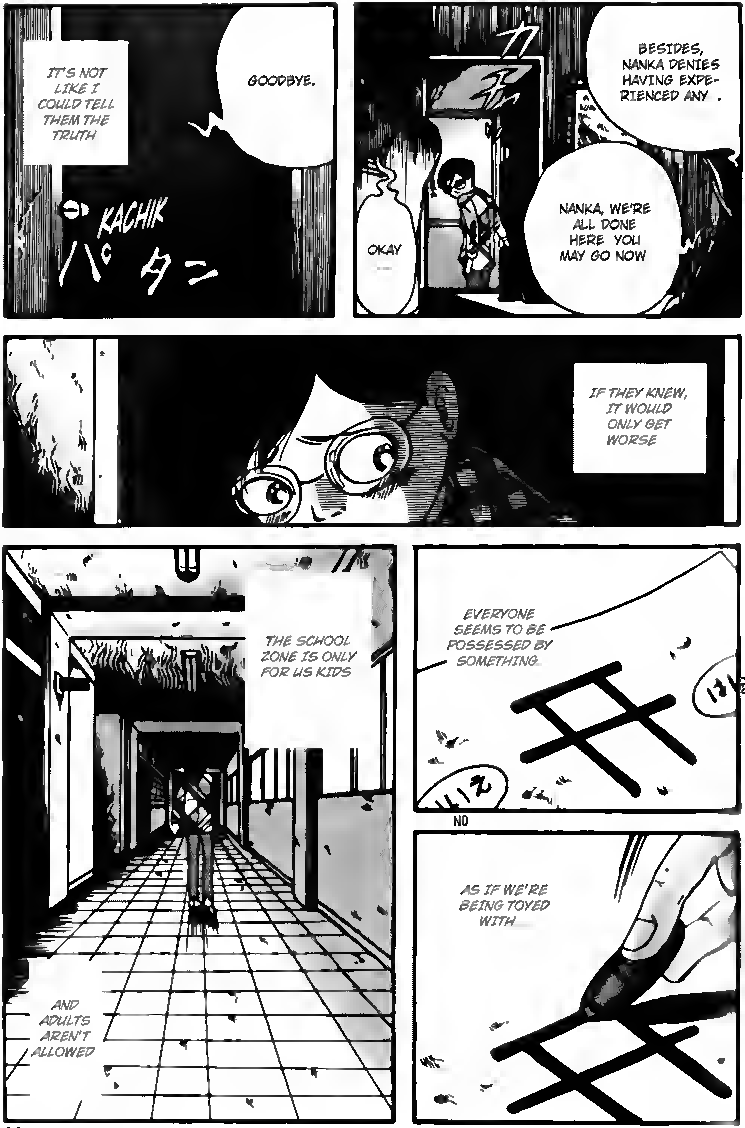
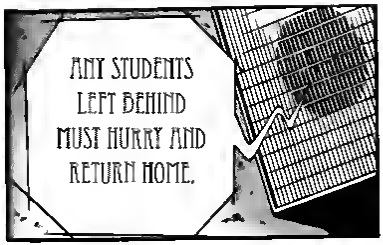
KANAKO INUKI

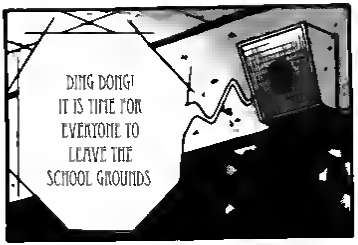

SOMETHING THAT ALWAYS GOES ON HERE AT SCHOOL
OKAY
I WANT YOU TO GO SEE THE PRINCIPAL BEFORE YOU GO HOME TODAY
BUT SOMETHING'S WRONG
YES
MINKA!
HEY DID YOU HEAR THAT A FIFTH GRADER TRIED TO COMMIT SUICIDE THE OTHER DAY?
UGH ... THAT MAKES THREE THAT HAVE BEEN TAKEN TO THE HOSPITAL NOW
I HEARD THAT...
A HOSPITAL WAS FIRST BUILT HERE
SHRIEK
YOU KNOW THIS SCHOOL IS CURSED IT USED TO BE A GRAVEYARD
HALF OF THE HEAD STONES ARE STILL THERE

DING DONG
SCHOOL IS OVER. TIME TO GO HOME
WELL, ANYHOW WHAT WAS BUILT AFTER IT WAS--
BUT SOMETHING HAPPENED SO IT WAS SHUT DOWN.
WELL I HEARD IT WAS A RESEARCH LAB
--THIS SCHOOL!
THAT'S RIGHT
PITTER PATTER

OH
EVER SINCE YOU ENTERED SIXTH GRADE, YOUR GRADES HAVE BEEN UNSATISFACTORY
I'D LIKE TO TALK TO YOU ABOUT YOUR TEST RESULTS LATELY
ALSO, YOUR NAME AND YOUR TEST ANSWERS LOOK LIKE THEY'VE BEEN WRITTEN BY TWO COMPLETELY DIFFERENT PEOPLE
DON'T TELL ME... SOMEONE'S BEEN THREATENING YOU INTO GIVING THEM YOUR TEST ANSWERS?
SIGN, PRINCIPAL
WELL...
TEACHER, AS THE PRINCIPAL, I DON'T KNOW OF ANY BULLYING GOING ON AT THIS SCHOOL.
I'LL DO MUCH BETTER FROM NOW ON
N- NO WAY
NANKA.


IT'S NOT LIKE I COULD TELL THEM THE TRUTH
GOODBYE.
KACHIK
パタン
BESIDES, NANKA DENIES HAVING EXPERIENCED ANY .
NANKA, WE'RE ALL DONE HERE. YOU MAY GO NOW
OKAY
IF THEY KNEW, IT WOULD ONLY GET WORSE
THE SCHOOL ZONE IS ONLY FOR US KIDS
AND ADULTS AREN'T ALLOWED
EVERYONE SEEMS TO BE POSSESSED BY SOMETHING.
NO
AS IF WE'RE BEING TOYED WITH...





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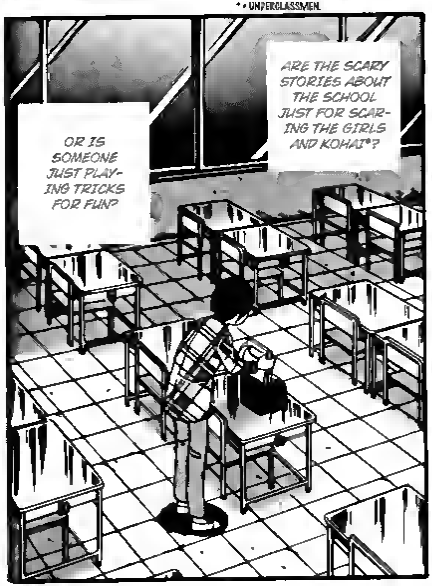
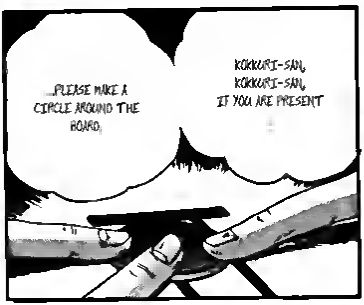
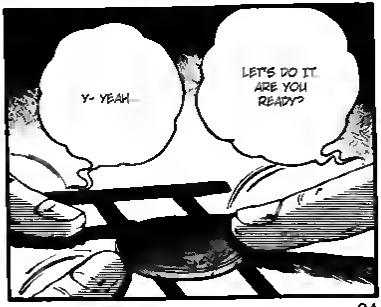
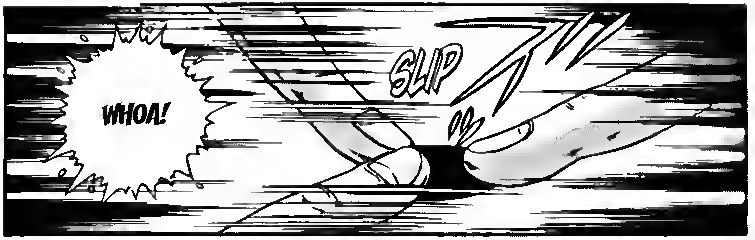
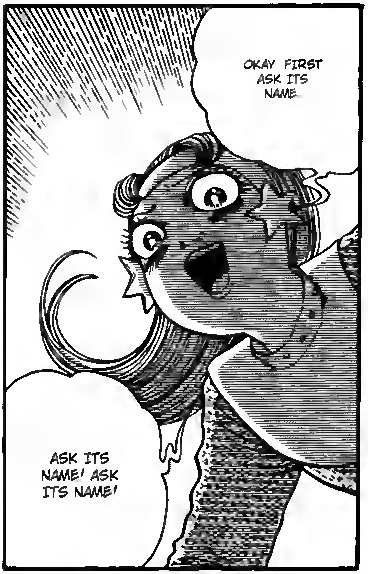
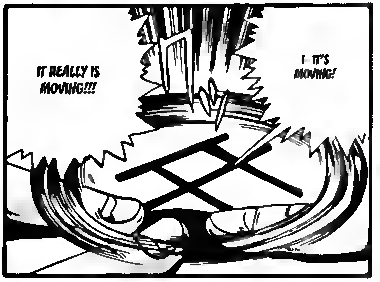


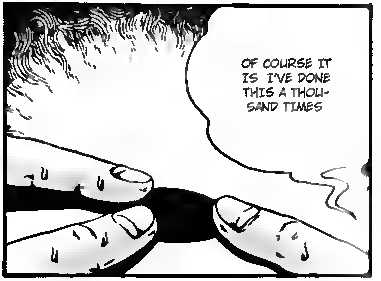


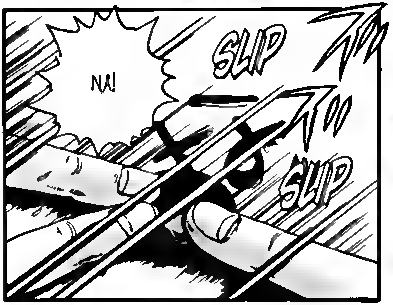


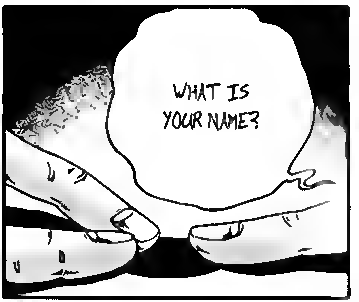

WHOA!
SLIP

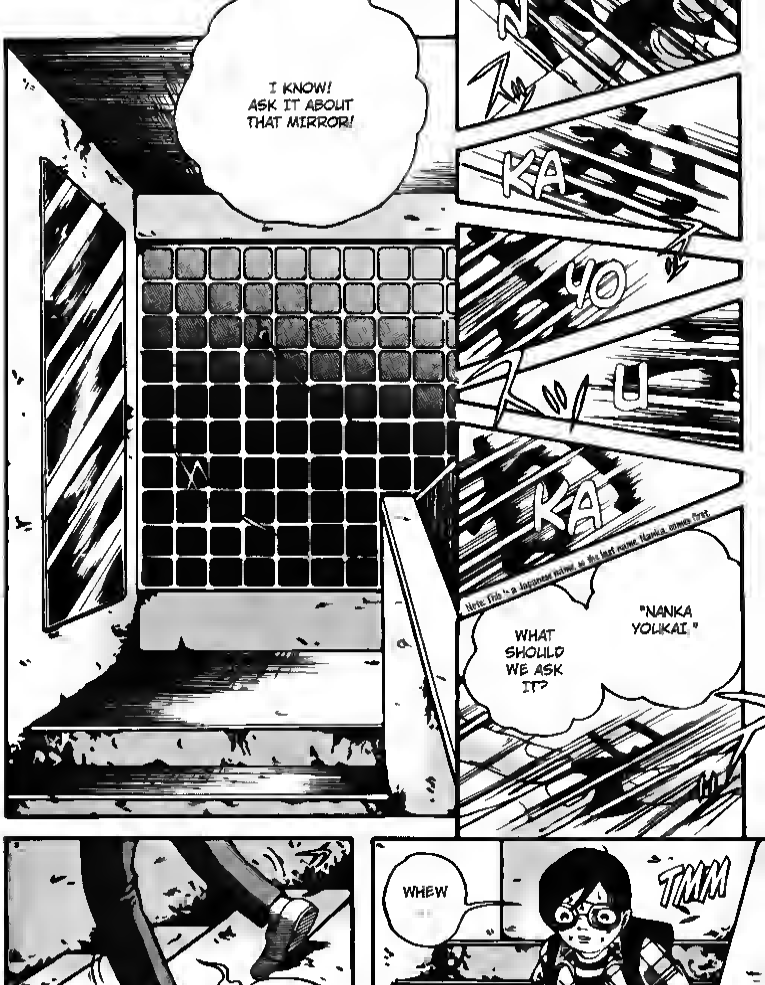

OKAY FIRST ASK ITS NAME
ASK ITS NAME! ASK ITS NAME!

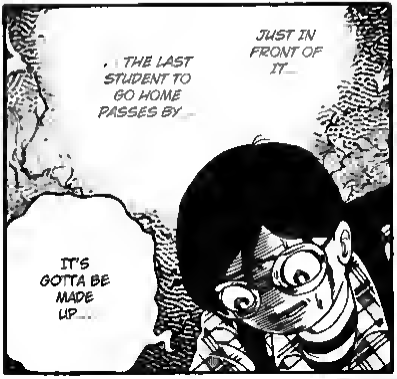

IT REALLY IS MOVING!!!
I IT'S MOVING!


OF COURSE IT IS I'VE DONE THIS A THOU-SAND TIMES


NA!
SLIP
SLIP


WHAT IS YOUR NAME?


I KNOW! ASK IT ABOUT THAT MIRROR!
KA
YO
U
KA
Note: Fish is a Japanese noun, so the last name Nanka means first.
"NANKA YOUKAI."
WHAT SHOULD WE ASK IT?
THIS IS STUPID WHAT AM I SO SCARED OF?
WHEW
TMM
TMM


JUST IN FRONT OF IT...
THE LAST STUDENT TO GO HOME PASSES BY...
IT'S GOTTA BE MADE UP...

IT- IT'S ALL JUST RUMOURS.
WHAT ABOUT THE MIRROR ON THE LANDING OF THE MAIN STAIRS?

NANKA!
HEH HEH HEH... WE'VE BEEN WAITING FOR YOU...
YOU WERE IN THE PRINCIPAL'S OFFICE A LONG TIME, HUH?
WELL, WHAT ARE YOU WAITING FOR? COME ON DOWN!

AH!
AND MEETS THE MONSTER WITHIN!

BLOWWWW
WHAT ARE YOU RUNNING FOR?
OH-OH... WHY ARE YOU GOING TO THE ROOF?
NANKA~~
STAY BACK!
ST-
WHAT THE--!!
SLIP SLIP
WHAT!?

PLEASE, STAY AWAY!
STAY BACK!
GET AWAY! GET AWAAAY!
OWAH! GET AWAY!
IT'S POINTLESS... YOU'RE JUST DOING THIS FOR LAUGHS...
WH- WHAT DO YOU WANT FROM ME?
WHY ARE YOU DOING THIS TO ME?

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YOU LIKE TO WATCH THEM DIE?
OH, YOU LIKE TO WATCH PEOPLE SUFFER?
WE WANT YOU TO FEEL THE SAME PAIN THAT WE FELT...
WHAT'S SO FUN ABOUT ALL OF THIS!?
ARE YOU OUT OF YOUR MINDS!?
SBLOW
IT'S YOUR TURN, NOW... IT'S YOUR TURN TO JUMP OFF AND DIE!

GRUNT
YOU OF ALL PEOPLE KNOW IT WON'T MATTER.
TELLING A TEACHER OR AN ADULT WON'T MAKE A DIFFERENCE!
HEHEHE
MOM.. DAD.. I'M SORRY
GIVE YOU SWIRLIES IN THE TOILET...
IF YOU DON'T, WE'LL STEAL YOUR LUNCH MONEY
AND MAKE YOU CARRY ALL OF OUR SCHOOL BAGS HOME.
WILL THIS CONTINUE FOR-EVER? I DON'T KNOW IF I CAN HANDLE IT.
ARE YOU GOING TO RUN FOREVER? DON'T YOU HAVE THE COUR-AGE TO JUMP?
THE STORIES ABOUT THIS SCHOOL ARE SCARY BUT WHAT'S REALLY SCARY ARE THESE GUYS!
PANT
PANT
HEY!
SKID
WHOA!
PANT
I' PRETENDED TO BE SICK AND STAYED HOME FROM SCHOOL WHEN I KNEW I HAD TO BE THE LEADER
SOMETHING STRAGE IS HAP-PENING WITH KOKKURI-SAN!
WHIP
WHIP

STOOOOOOP!
STOP!
HEY! STOP!
ROUND N ROUND
THAT'S RIGHT. I CAN'T EVEN STAND UP AND BE RESPONSIBLE! I'M SUCH A WIMP!
BUT I'LL SHOW YOU!
JUMP
I'LL SHOW YOU THAT I HAVE THE COURAGE TO DIE!

SHATTER!
AAAAAAAAAH!

I SAW EVERY-THING SO CLEARLY AS I FELL
WAS THAT A LOOK OF DEATH OR A LOOK OF COURAGE?
I SAW THEM BEHIND THE WIN-DOWS ON EACH FLOOR...
IT WAS COURAGE!
I SAW THEM LAUGH-ING AT ME!
AND I SAW MY OWN REFLEC-TION IN THAT BIG MIRROR!
AAAAAAAA

EVEN THOUGH I RESISTED THEM, WAS THIS ALL I COULD DO? JUST DIE!?
WHIP

AAAAA!
YOU... YOU'RE AT THE STAIR LANDING...
WH! WHO ARE YOU? WHERE AM I!?
MY NAME IS YOUKAI.
YO-
WHY!?
BU- BUT
I AM! RIGHT IN FRONT OF THE BIG MIRROR ON THE STAIR LANDING

SO THAT'S WHAT I CALL MYSELF, YOUKAI
EVERYONE SAYS THAT WHEN THEY PASS IN FRONT OF THE MIRROR
WAIT, YOU MEAN THAT YOU'RE THE MONSTER FROM INSIDE THE MIRROR!?

YOUKAI!?
YEAH... YOUKAI

WHAT'S THAT!?
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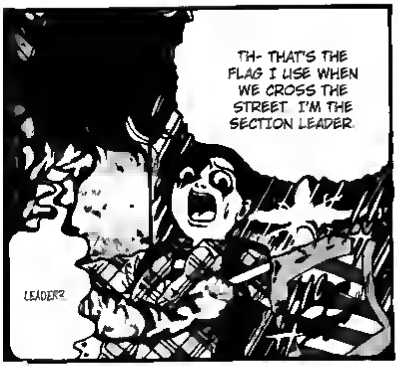

TH- THAT'S THE FLAG I USE WHEN WE CROSS THE STREET. I'M THE SECTION LEADER.
LEADER?

PHAK

I LIKE YOU... YOSUKE...
I'M GOING TO BECOME YOU
BE- BECOME ME!? WHAT!? WHY!?

HMMM. THIS IS RATHER INTERESTING, LEADER.
MY- MY NAME IS NANKA YOSUKE

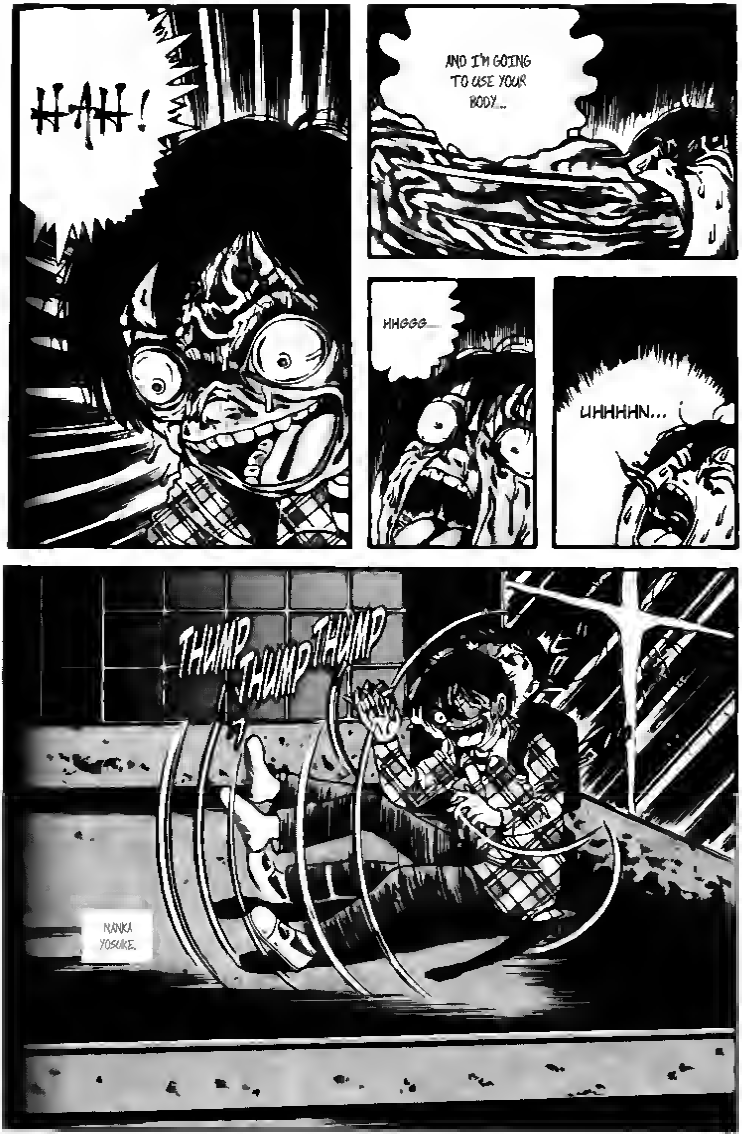
LOOK AT THAT MIRROR. IT'S CRACKED. THAT MEANS I CAN GET OUT OF HERE.

FOR US WITH-
OUT FORMS
BUT TO LEAVE,
I NEED A BODY
A BODY IS A
NECESSITY...
URGH!
UWAAAAAAH!

IF YOU ARE PRESENT, PLEASE CIRCLE THE ROAD
HEY, HAVE YOU HEARD THE SCARY STORIES ABOUT OUR SCHOOL?
KOKKURI-SAN
...
PLEASE, PLEASE, PLEASE, CIRCLE THE ROAD
EH!? YOU MEAN THE ONES WE SHOULDN'T TALK ABOUT?
KOKKURI-SAN
..
SNAP
WOO WOO WOO
WHAT'S THE HOLD-UP ...?

Contrary to what this person says Kokkuri-san is played on paper.

Note: Kokkuri-san is the Japanese equivalent to a Ouija Board.


HAH!
AND I'M GOING TO USE YOUR BODY...
HHGGG...
UHHHHN...
THUMP THUMP THUMP
NANKI YOSUKE.

PART 1
THE SUSPICIOUS MIRROR
I spent hours trying to do this page right... Finally I said, "Just screw it," and moved on. Sorry everyone.
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WHOA!
SLIP-SLIP
KOKKURI-SAN, KOKKURI-SAN
IF YOU ARE PRESENT, PLEASE CIRCLE THE—
YOU KNOW THE ONE WHO'S ALWAYS PLAYING KOKKURI-SAN.
WHAT!? WHO!?
YEAH SO ANYHOW THERE'S THIS GIRL IN MY CLASS WHO KNOWS THEM ALL
LEADER! WHAT'S TAKING YOU SO LONG? WE'RE WAITING!
HURRY UP OR WE'LL ALL BE LATE!
CHAGAHK
AH—

HM... WE'RE STILL ONE KID SHORT
I'M SO SORRY SHE'S LATE
WAAAH! I DON'T WANNA!
I DON'T WANNA! I DON'T WAN WAAAAAAH!
I DON'T WANNA GO TO THAT SCHOOL! I'M SCARED!
I TOLD YOU, MY HEAD AND MY TUMMY HURT!
NOT AGAIN, YOU DON'T!
WAAAAAH! YOU JUST DON'T UNDERSTAND! NO ADULT DOES!

GHOSTS!?
THAT WOULD EXPLAIN THINGS ..

TONS!
THERE'RE TONS OF SCARY STORIES ABOUT OUR SCHOOL

THAT SCHOOL...
IS FULL OF GHOSTS!

IF YOU SEE A GHOST, I'LL GET 'EM. I ALSO USED TO BE SCARED OF SCHOOL.

ACTUALLY, IT'S OKAY.

WHAT I WAS SCARED OF WAS ...!
BUT... WHAT I WAS SCARED OF
OH, STOP IT
HE'S TOTALLY DIFFERENT THAN HE IS IN CLASS
NANKA, I DIDN'T KNOW YOU WERE SO BRAVE
HE SAYS HE'S GONNA GET 'EM
TITTER TITTER
THAT'S RIGHT . I AM THIS GROUP'S LEADER
REALLY, LEADER!?
Y-
YEAH
YEAH, YOU ARE THE LEADER YOU WILL SAVE ME FROM ANY GHOSTS

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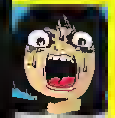

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HEY EVERYONE! THANK YOU FOR READING MY FIRST RELEASE! IT WAS DIFFICULT WORK TO DO BY MYSELF BUT IT GOT DONE. NOW YOU MAY BE THINKING, "FREEK, YOU'RE SCANLATING A MANGA THAT YOU BOUGHT IN ENGLISH. YOU COP-OUT!" NOT SO! I SCANLATED THIS MANGA BECAUSE (1) I CAN'T FIND THE JAPANESE ONE ANYWHERE, (2) HAVING THE ENGLISH SCRIPT RIGHT IN FRONT OF ME IS VERY CONVENIENT, AND (3) I DON'T LIKE THE TYPESETTING THEY DID, AND THE SCRIPT THEY USED WAS RATHER AWKWARD, SO I DECIDED TO "RE-WRITE" IT (LEAVING IN SEVERAL JAPANESE TERMS, AND EXPLAINING THEM). AND LOOK! I CLEANED IT (THANK YOU, MY FRIENDS AT IES FOR TEACHING ME!)! THAT WAY IT'S NOT SOME LOW-QUALITY, COP-OUT SCAN LIKE THE YU-GI-OH! ONE ON MANGAFOX. IT'S RETYPESET, CLEANED UP, NOISELESS, AND WITH A FRESH SCRIPT AND SEVERAL FRESH FONTS. EVEN THOUGH THIS MANGA CAME OUT IN 1996, I'LL RELEASE IT WEEKLY. NEXT WEEK WHEN I HAVE MORE SPACE TO WRITE, I'LL TELL YOU THE STORY OF HOW I CAME ACROSS THIS MANGA AND WHY I'M SCANLATING IT. UNTIL THEN, SEE YA!